

REMARKS

Contemporaneously with the filing of this Amendment, Applicant has petitioned for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of September 8th, 2005. A check in the amount of \$510 to cover the fee for the three (3) month extension fee is enclosed herewith.

Applicant's invention is directed to an appliance that introduces configurable function units in the decryption unit that turns an encrypted electronic document together with additional key data into a correctly decrypted document.

Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being narrative and indefinite. The examiner pointed out, that the claim language was literally translated into English. Applicant has deleted all of that language from the claims and replaced it with appropriate language.

Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being disclosed by Kondo. Kondo teaches that workers have a corresponding private or public key that enable them to decrypt encrypted content specifically according to their workflow. The selected key is predetermined to a configuration related to one worker. The decryption unit consists of one function unit with one predetermined fixed algorithm (public/private key algorithm) whereby the keys are received and selected from a plurality of keys depending on authentication of a worker. The Applicant is amending the claims accordingly and is inserting the feature: "the decryption unit comprises a function unit that is technically changeable by means of a program whereby the function unit is capable to be configurable in an operating state".

Applicant submits that, in the view of the prior art raised by the Examiner new independent claim 1 is both novel and involves an inventive step as the problem to be solved is new: what if someone has manipulated the decryption unit and is distributing this patch to others? The damage of a broken decryption unit cannot be limited to one decryption unit.

The Patents cited by the Examiner contain a fixed algorithm within the decryption unit while the decrypted content and the corresponding keys are the variable elements. The decryption unit according to the invention contains several in principle unlimited numbers of different configurations.

Therefore it is respectfully submitted that the sum total teachings of the reference cited and applied by the Examiner fail to render an appliance for decrypting electronic documents as set forth in the independent claims 1.

Applicant has made a good faith to resolve the Section 112 issued by the Examiner for the independent claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-Up Version of the Amended claims

1. Apparatus for decrypting of an encrypted electronic document by means of a key data file that is ~~introduced~~^{received} or delivered from a server over a public data transmission network, preferably the Internet,
whereby the decrypted electronic document is displayable on a local data processing appliances, ~~which comprise a visualization unit or representation unit that enables an outputting of the unencrypted electronic document~~
and ~~which comprise~~ a decryption unit that is used for combining or joining ~~or decrypting~~ the encrypted document and the key data file for generating the decrypted document,
characterized in that
the decryption unit comprise ~~in the state, which is capable for accomplishment, at least one~~ ^a function unit that is technically changeable ~~whereby the function unit configurable in an operating state~~ by means of a program, ~~which is capable to be configured by selecting of~~
~~a key data file from a plurality of local or server sided available key data files or is capable to be configured by the performing of a necessary operation procedure of the decryption unit used for the combination or integration in the generating of the decrypted document or used for the by accessing of a predetermined configuration of a specific accessing on a server sided address that is provided by the~~ ^{by the combination or integration} ~~creation~~ ^{determined} ~~configuration of the function unit~~ ^{of} ~~joining or decrypting the electronic document and the key data file for generating the decrypted document, whereby the predetermined configuration of the function unit is installed or established with at least one single online-contact of the local data processing appliance with the server and which comprise a parameter setting of the function unit resp. decryption unit or an assignment of a predetermined or a program files resp. command components to the decryption unit or via a plurality of instructions that generate to the function unit or comprise a generating of the function or decryption unit.~~